

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

With entry of the present amendment, which action is respectfully requested, claims 1, 5-14 and 18-22 are pending in the above-identified application. Claim 5 is withdrawn by the Examiner as drawn to a non-elected invention. Claims 1 and 14 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 4 and 17, respectively, which the Examiner has indicated would be allowable if rewritten to in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. No new matter has been added by these amendments. Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims of original scope, including any canceled claims, in any related application which Applicants may file.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 206-467-9600.

Respectfully submitted,

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